GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SURFACE TRANSPORT
LOK SABHA

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RECOVERY OF PORT DUES FROM VESSEL OWNERS
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Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mumbai Port Trust has failed to recover port dues of Rs. 1.22 crore from vessel owners due to non-observance of standard norms;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to recover the dues;

(c) whether Mumbai Port Trust has no control on `in` and `out` of vessels from bonders; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b) The port dues recoverable from vessel owners are to the extent of Rs. 78.12 lakhs (and not Rs. 1.22 crores) as on 31.7.1998. The dues are boat hard fees (for using the specified area for boat repair) and monthly licence fee under the Bunders Scale of Rates. In such cases, Mumbai Port Trust takes appropriate action including arrest of the vessel and auction thereof for recovery of the dues.
(c) The Bunders being open jetties along the shore line with very low draft, they are used generally by small vessels, mainly barges plying within the harbour of coastal trade in cheap items such as sand, salt etc.. These bunders do not form part of the docks and entry/exit is not controlled.

(d) Does not arise.